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2007 FALL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HOUSE DISTRICT 91

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Bob Behning



Dear Friend,

If you are like most Hoosier taxpayers, this has been a challenging time dealing with the broken property tax system and trying to make sense out of the large property tax increases.


Since being elected to serve as your State Representative, I have learned a lot about property taxes, and one word comes to mind when trying to describe the property tax system in Indiana, **BROKEN**. Special interests and partisan bickering have stalled desperately needed action, and for that reason, the time has come to permanently eliminate property taxes as a means to fund government.

Property taxes continue to increase because of a failure to control local spending and a failure of state officials to bring major reforms to the current system.

The key to ending property taxes is a permanent, constitutional, repeal to ensure that once they are eliminated, future politicians will be prevented from raising property taxes yet again.

Please join me in my fight to PERMANENTLY end property taxes in Indiana.

Sincerely yours,




Bob Behning


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State Representative **Bob Behning**
wants to hear from you


If you have a question, comment or suggestion for Bob, you can...



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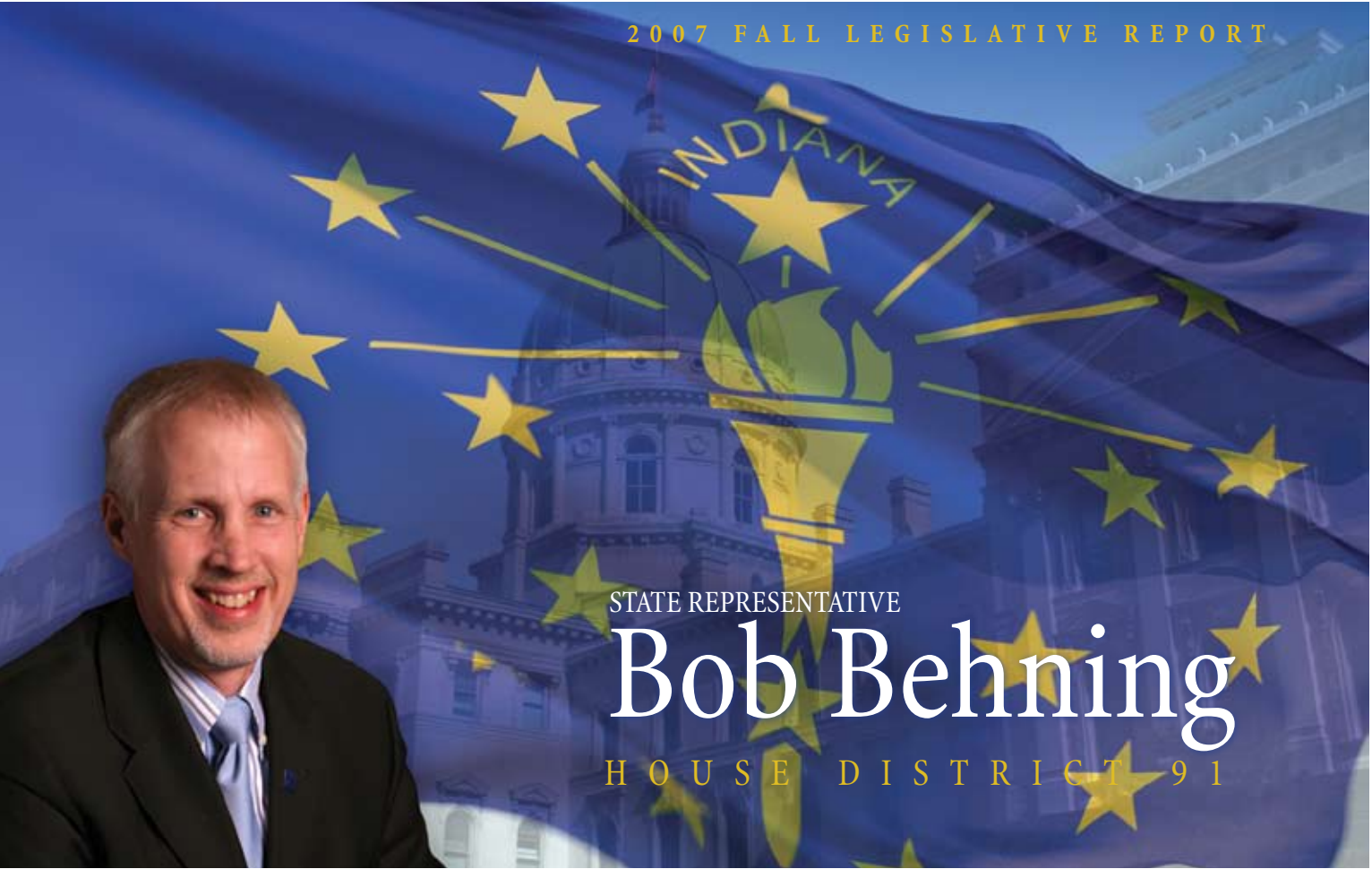
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Working to Eliminate Property Taxes

HOUSE DISTRICT 91

Bob Behning calls for \$200 million in immediate property tax relief

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Immediate Property Tax Credit

In 2007, House Democrats failed to control rising property taxes by passing a property tax rebate that homeowners will probably not receive until next year after all taxpayers have paid their bills. It is time to end the political games and work together to reform our property tax system.

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Homestead Credit Extension

Homeowners should be able to receive a homestead credit on their property tax when they apply for one and not have to wait months for it to take effect. This proposal would extend the filing deadline of the homestead credit.

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Limit Local Property Tax Increase

Local officials should be held accountable for property tax increases that are driven by out of control spending.

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End Unfunded State Mandates

Currently, property taxpayers are paying to fund state programs like child welfare. Local governments and property taxpayers should not be responsible for paying for programs that are required by state bureaucrats.

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Eliminate Residential Property Taxes

It is time to provide tax relief to homeowners by returning the state surplus to the taxpayers. Eliminating residential property taxes is a first step in the process of completely reforming the property tax system in Indiana.

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Legislative Priorities

Get Tough on Crime

Hoosiers deserve a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and raise a family. We must require felons to serve at least 85% of their sentence, increase penalties for cop killers, require federal background checks on those working in the classroom, and protect all Hoosiers from violent offenders and drug dealers.

Teacher Advancement Program

Studies have shown that teacher quality in the classroom is one of the most important factors in a child's successful education. Our kids need talented teachers in the classroom. One way to bring more teachers into Indiana is with the Teacher Advancement Program (TAP). TAP's goal is to draw more talented people to the teaching profession—and keep them there—by making it more attractive and rewarding to be a teacher. TAP provides teachers with opportunities to learn better teaching strategies to help educate kids.

Health Care Reform

Earlier this year, we took the first step to provide health coverage to uninsured Hoosiers by creating The Healthy Indiana Plan. However, there is still work to be done. We must continue this momentum by finding additional assistance and more affordable health care options for all Hoosiers. Every Hoosier should have access to affordable health care.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR UPCOMING CITY ELECTIONS

October 29, 2007

Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the City Election

November 6, 2007

Election Day

Contact the Marion County Clerk's office 317-327-4740 for more information.

Don't forget to bring your photo ID.